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SUBJ: PRESIDENT VELASCO DISCUSSES CERRO DE PASCO

REF: STATE 174359

1. ON SEPT 4 COUNTRY DIRECTOR PRINGLE CALLED AMBASSADOR BERCKEMEYER TO FOLLOW UP ON BELCHER-BERCKEMEYER CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL. AFTER SAYING THAT HE CALLING AT SUGGESTION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH, PRINGLE SAID STATE HAD TALKED WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF USG AND WITH SPECIAL EMISSARY GREENE ABOUT STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO PRESIDENT VELASCO ON CERRO AND THAT REACTION OF ALL WAS ONE OF SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT. HE SAID WE WERE NOT MAKING AN OFFICIAL DEMARCHE BUT WANTED THE AMBASSADOR TO BE AWARE OF OUR CONCERN, ESPECIALLY IN THE LIGHT OF OUR EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE SOLUTIONS TO VARIOUS PROBLEMS THROUGH THE GREENE TALKS.

2. AMBASSADOR BERCKEMEYER SAID HE WOULD REPORT THIS TO HIS GOVERNMENT, ADDING THAT HE HAD-ALREADY REQUESTED A COPY OF-THE OFFICIAL TEXT OF THE VELASCO STATEMENT. HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED SOME OFFICIAL WORD ON THE PRESIDENT'S
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REMARKS, COMMENTING THAT--SPEAKING VERY PERSONALLY AND

CONFIDENTIALLY--HE HAD NOT FOUND IT VERY CONVINCING.

3. MINISTER COUNSELOR ROCA ZELA SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED TO
SAY THAT THE EMBASSY DID NOT YET HAVE THE OFFICIAL TEXT

OF VELASCO'S STATEMENT BUT THAT HE UNDERSTOOD VELASCO
HAD SAID JUST COMPENSATION WOULD BE PAID. PRINGLE
REMINDED HIM OF THE US POSITION WITH RESPECT TO
PROMPT, ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE COMPENSATION. RUSH

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